

Medi-Cal & HCR Monthly Update

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Elimination of Deprivation

Prior to the implementation of Health Care Reform (HCR), deprivation of a child was established through the absence, death, incapacity, unemployment or underemployment of at least one parent in the child's family.

Effective **January 1, 2014**, deprivation has been eliminated. A child no longer needs to be deprived in order to provide linkage to Medi-Cal for a parent/caretaker relative as long as the parent/caretaker relative is living with the child/children.



IMPORTANT !!!

This is to advise all staff not to provide tax information when assisting participants with Medi-Cal determinations.

Staff is not authorized to interpret or inform participants about tax rules, taxable income, deductions, or expenses. Participants may be advised that reported income types and amounts will be verified via CalHEERS through the federal hub.

If the participant has a question regarding a specific type of income, staff must advise the participant to consult with their accountant, tax preparer, or the IRS at 800-829-1040, or online at www.irs.gov.

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TRUE or FALSE

(Answers are below)



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| 1. The non-custodial parent's income information <u>is required</u> to determine MAGI eligibility for the children living with the custodial parent. | | |
| 2. A child is eligible to the Optional Targeted Low Income Children Program (OTLICP) up to the month in which they turn 19 years old. | | |
| 3. A child needs to be deprived in order to provide linkage to Medi-Cal for his parent(s). | | |
| 4. The Health Insurance Questionnaire form, DHS 6155, is a required form that is still being used by eligibility staff. | | |
| 5. MAGI Medi-Cal Renewals <u>can</u> be completed over the phone. | | |
| 6. Eligibility staff <u>is not</u> authorized to interpret or inform participants about tax rules, taxable income, deductions, or expenses. | | |
| 7. The form MC 210A is still required for requests for Retroactive Medi-Cal. | | |
| 8. Medi-Cal beneficiaries have to pay for CHDP Health Check-Ups. | | |
| 9. In order to avoid "runaway" MEDS records, it is important to always check all the MEDS eligibility screens after a termination. | | |

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Answers: 1. False, 2. True, 3. False, 4. False, 5. False, 6. True, 7. True, 8. False, 9. True

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Do you know why the Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Program is so Important?

It is important because the program offers **CHDP check-ups** that help find medical, dental, and/or mental health problems before they become serious. Many children and young adults may appear well and healthy, but may have underlying health problems. Medical conditions which are found and treated at an early stage are easier to correct, save medical costs and may be stopped from becoming serious health issues.

CHDP provides:

- Early detection and prevention of disease through periodic health assessments.
- Referrals for necessary diagnosis and treatment if problems are identified.
- Health education and anticipatory guidance.



For every family with young children, the Eligibility Worker should:

- ✓ Inform applicants that CHDP health check-ups are **available and free**.
- ✓ Provide the applicant with a CHDP brochure.
- ✓ Complete the CHDP Tab in the CHDP/Social Services/Medi-Cal Healthy Families/Health Kids Referral Screen in LEADER.

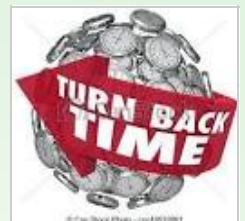
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Do you speak HCR?

1. **Eligibility Determination Request (EDR)** - An electronic request from LEADER to CalHEERS to determine eligibility for MAGI and/or APTC.
2. **Determination of Eligibility Results (DER)** - An electronic eligibility determination response from CalHEERS to LEADER.
3. **Electronic Health Information Transfer (eHIT)** - A transfer of case data between LEADER and CalHEERS.
4. **External Data** - Data received from CalHEERS. LEADER users may "import" external data by right-clicking on specified screens.

Retroactive Medi-Cal

MC 210A continues to be the required form for request of **Retroactive Medi-Cal**, for both MAGI and Non-MAGI. However, for MAGI, the county worker must cross out boxes listing personal or real property information (unless the request is for months **prior to December 31, 2013**). For Non-MAGI cases, this information is still required unless it was previously provided.



Counties may also need **tax household information** for retroactive months (which can be requested) if information is different from information on the other application forms.

If. . .	Then . . .
A full application is on file and the MC 210A indicates "No change" of income for the retro months,	No separate income verification or information is to be requested.
The application is for retroactive months only with no ongoing eligibility,	The MC 210A along with the SSApp must be completed.

Reference: Admin. Directive 4213 (dated 02/04/03).

Questions or Comments? Send an e-mail to: HCR@dps.lacounty.gov

